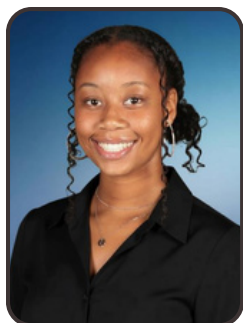


2026 Recipients



Eden Teclemariam from **Castro Valley High School** is a five-year Science Olympiad competitor, Bay Area Regional leader, multi-sport athlete, robotics mentor, and teammate known as the “Build Queen.” From earning top medals at invitationals like UC Berkeley and Stanford to taking First Place in Robot Tour at the USC invitational, Eden has built her legacy through innovation, grit, and leadership. Beyond competition, she has mentored younger builders in coding and design and inspired more than 100 elementary students through Bay Area Regional Science Olympiad events. This fall, Eden will attend **Howard University**, an HBCU, to study Mechanical Engineering. “By reclaiming space in this industry, I aim to ensure that the next generation of Build Queens sees themselves reflected in the future of technology.”



For **William Engel** from **Boyceville High School**, Science Olympiad has always been about more than medals — it’s been about friendship, leadership, and service. Alongside earning nearly 170 medals and nine state championships, this Senior Captain helped lead STEM Family Fun Nights for younger students and organized an American Red Cross blood drive where teammates donated and volunteered throughout the day. Science Olympiad also helped shape William’s future plans, inspiring him to pursue Packaging Engineering and Sustainability this fall at **University of Wisconsin–Stout**. “Beyond the medals and experiences, the true achievement has been the positive impact our team has made on our school and community.”



Sree Sarvepalli of **Tesla STEM High School** turned seven years in Science Olympiad into a tradition of leadership and community. A Team President, he earned nationals pins and dozens of medals, but is most proud of building a team culture rooted in friendship and collaboration. From designing Hovercrafts to directing his school’s first in-person invitational, Sree focuses on giving back and expanding access to STEM, using his skill of *jugaad*, a Hindi word loosely translating to “creative, scrappy problem-solving”. Sree will attend **University of Pennsylvania** to study Bioengineering, a path inspired by his passion for combining biology with an engineer’s mindset. “My biggest accomplishment is building a club that will thrive long after I graduate.”



Ezra Drake from **West Michigan Aviation Academy** said that Science Olympiad sparked her passion for leadership, CAD, and engineering innovation. After seven years in the program and serving as Team Captain, Ezra now uses the coding, CAD, and 3D printing skills she developed in events like Robot Tour and Engineering CAD in her Biomedical Innovations capstone class, where she is designing a system to help prevent retained surgical sponges during surgery. This fall, she will attend **Michigan State University** to study Mechanical Engineering and plans to get involved with the Society of Women Engineers and Science Olympiad tournaments on campus. “I have learned that with my team, I am able to make the greatest accomplishments.”



Ekansh Agrawal from **Garnet Valley High School** Science Olympiad turned his passion for building into a drive to lead and innovate. As Team President, he helped guide his team to record-breaking success while earning 51 medals and raising \$6,500 from local sponsors to make the program more accessible. Beyond competition, Ekansh used the CAD, circuitry, and programming skills he gained through Science Olympiad to help design the Lotus Trash Collector, a sustainable technology project that addressed local water pollution. This fall, he will attend **The University of Texas at Austin** to study Mechanical Engineering and hopes to help run the UT Invitational. “After college, I can’t wait to work on building sustainable technologies for a cleaner world.”